

Nexus between Bollywood and the Underworld

1868. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been actively considering to probe the nexus of Bollywood stars, producers and financiers with Dubai and Pakistan based underworld's through CBI;

(b) if so, whether the Committee's set up by Government to probe the nexus have since submitted their reports to the Government;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the other steps Government propose to take to delink ^ underworld mafia's with Bollywood industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) As per the information received from the Government of Maharashtra, a nexus between some persons in the filmworld and the underworld has been established and the Mumbai Police have arrested film producer Nazim Hassan Rizvi, Assistant Producer Rahim Allabux Khan and film financier and diamond merchant Bharat Shah. The chargesheet against all the three along with the wanted Chhota Shakeel and one Anjum has been filed in the Special Court. The Central Government have not set up any Committee to probe into the nexus between mafia and Bollywood stars, producers and financiers.

(d) The Government of India have accorded industry status to the film sector with the primary objective of extending institutional finance to the film sector. A notification has been issued by the Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance whereunder the entertainment industry including films has been specified as an approved activity under 'Industrial Concern' in exercise of powers conferred by Section 2 (c) (xvii) of the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) Act. IDBI and the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) have evolved certain guidelines to enable banks and financial institutions to fund proposals for financing of films.